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GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS HARDING TO PESTICIDE BOARD

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley has appointed **Shawn Harding** of Chocowinity to the North Carolina Pesticide Board

Harding is a farmer with Southside Farms. He is a member of the North Carolina Farm Bureau State Board. Harding received his Associate's degree in field crops technology from N.C. State University.

The board governs programs relating to pesticide management and control. It is authorized to conduct hearings, adopt regulations and set policies. The board is also authorized to restrict the use of pesticides and to suspend or revoke licenses and registrations, as well as, assess civil penalties for violations. The board has seven members, each serving a four-year term. The governor appoints all members.

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